

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The specification has been amended to make formal changes. The amendments to Claims 62 and 88 are supported by the specification. Accordingly, no new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 62-72, 73-84, and 86-88 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 62 has been amended to specify a reagent for selective quantitative determination of cholesterol comprising *as a mixture* the specified compound, surfactant, and enzymatic reagent. Independent Claim 88 has been similarly amended.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Jones is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. As noted by the Examiner, Jones describes separate components. However, as discussed above, in the claimed reagent, the components are present as a mixture. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

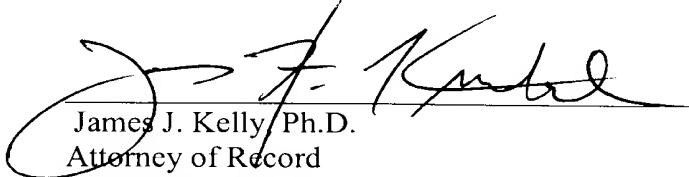
The confusion with regard to the specification is believed to be addressed by the amendment submitted above.

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the withdrawn claims, in particular the method claims which contain all of the features of Claim 62.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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